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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR OTTO BORCH NAMED TO WASHINGTON

1. AMBASSADOR EIGIL JORGENSEN, PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY IN FONOFF (#2 MAN), JUST CALLED CHARGE TO SAY THAT CABINET YESTERDAY HAD APPROVED AMBASSADOR OTTO BORCH TO BE NOMINATED AS THE DANISH AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON.

2. JORGENSEN SAID THE DANISH EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO FORWARD BORCH'S NAME TO THE DEPT. TODAY FOR AGREEMENT, BUT THAT SINCE CABINET DECISIONS WERE ALMOST ALWAYS LEAKED TO THE PRESS THE NEXT DAY, HE WANTED US TO KNOW OF DECISION FIRST ESPECIALLY SINCE DANISH GOVT CONSIDERED WASHINGTON ITS MOST IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC POST. JORGENSEN WENT ON TO APOLOGIZE FOR DANISH SYSTEM WHEREBY NEWS BECAME KNOWN BEFORE AGREEMENT WAS GRANTED, BUT SAID FOREIGN OFFICE HAD LONG SINCE GIVEN UP ITS VAIN ATTEMPTS TO MAINTAIN GOVERNMENT SECRECY.

3. JORGENSEN SAID BARTELS WOULD LEAVE WASHINGTON IN DECEMBER AND BORCH WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE IN FEBRUARY. BORCH SERVED EARLIER IN BONN AND PARIS AND IN 1967 BECAME DANISH AMBASSADOR TO UN. HE STAYED IN N.Y. UNTIL LAST YEAR, RETURNING TO BE POLITICAL DIRECTOR (#3 MAN) IN FONOFF. IN EMBASSY'S VIEW HE WILL BE HARD-WORKING, CONSCIENTIOUS

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AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON, AND PROBABLY THE MOST CAPABLE DIPLOMAT

IN THE DANISH FOREIGN SERVICE -- A VIEW SHARED BY MOST
DANISH FSO'S. WE ARE FORTUNATE THAT HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED.
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